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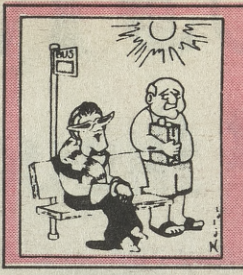

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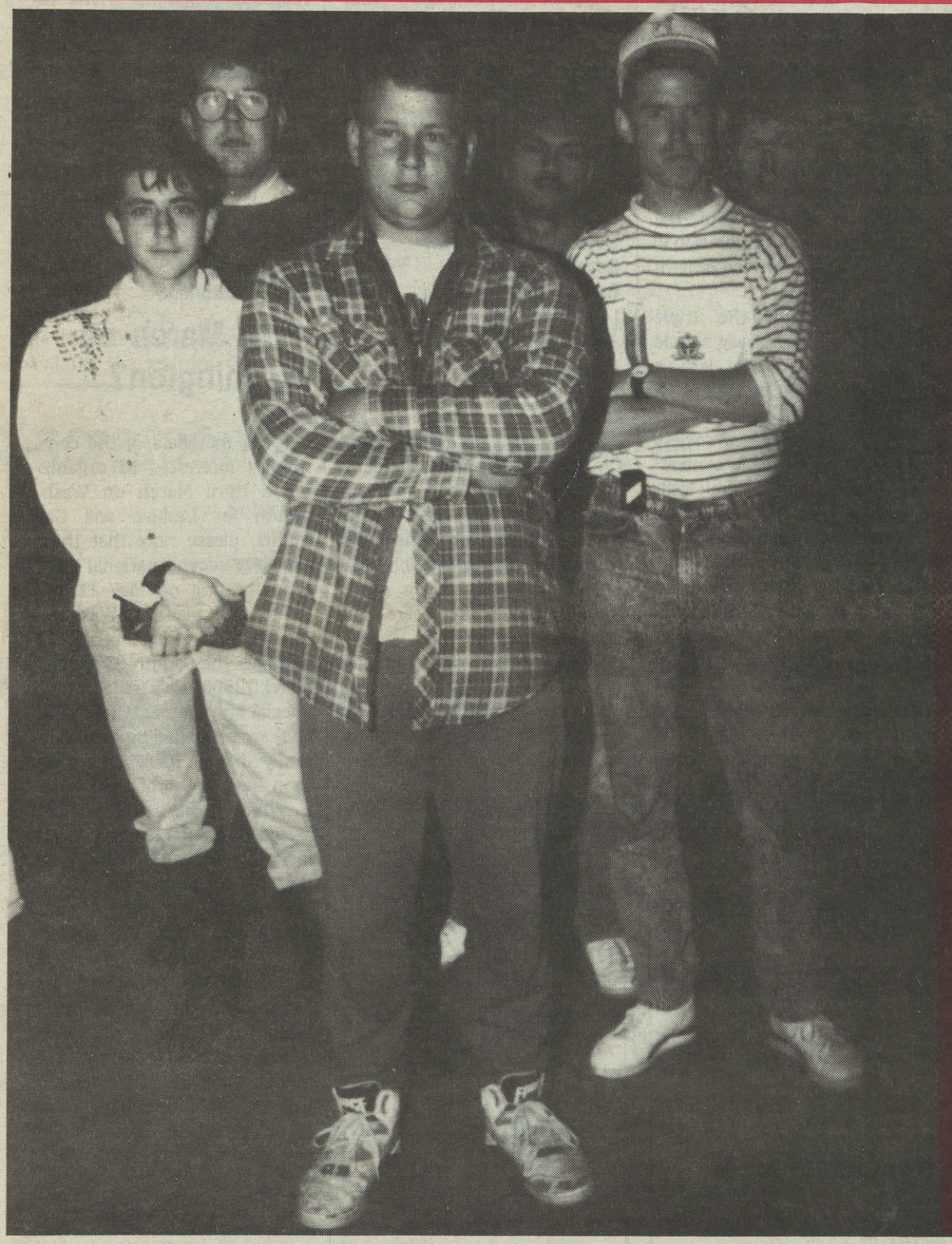

TAKING BACK OUR STREETS

In reaction to the brutal murder of Vincent Blades and continuing anti-gay violence, some members of the gay community are taking a powerful step to protect themselves and their friends.

The Street Patrol, currently made up of 15 young men, treks the streets and alleys surrounding midtown's

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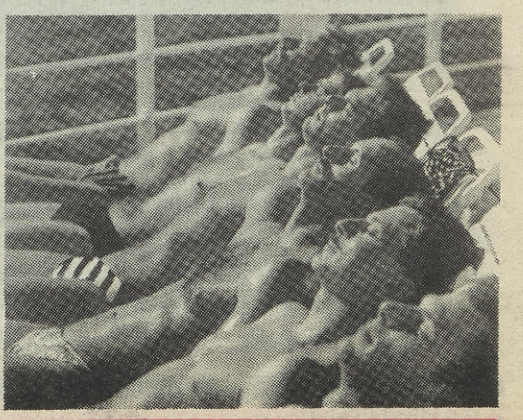

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Document It

While it may be easy for the gay and lesbian community to point fingers at the Sacramento Police Department for a lackluster approach to preventing gay bashing, we, as a community, must assume some of the responsibility to protect ourselves.

The dispensing of low-cost whistles, and scheduling self-defense classes and patrols by the Lambda Center is a good start. But using common sense and developing a defensive posture may avert more battles than waiting for cruising protectors with badges and cars with shiny lights.

We also need to start reporting gay bashing more frequently, and more accurately. The only way to prove our victimization is to document it. Truth is our best weapon.

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Sacramento Gay Parade?

Editor,

On April 23, 1991, the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council will be discussing a motion which would: 1. Establish a Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade in June 1992 and each year thereafter, 2. Would establish a fifteen (15) member steering committee to oversee the Parade; appointed by the Council Moderator, Rev Freda Smith; and 3. Would establish the purposes of the Parade to be celebrational, educational, and commemorative.

I believe that the triple purposes of the parade would help to celebrate the lesbian and gay communities as a wholesome, healthy, and affirmative segment of our society as a whole; one that contributes towards the general well-being of our society. I believe that through education we would show our pride of the contributions that lesbian and gay persons have made to the progress of society, as well as education against the evils of ignorance, intolerance, and bigotry. Knowledge is the only cure for these evils. We also need to remember those who have sacrificed much, even their lives, so that all may enjoy full human rights. This affords us the opportunity of publicly standing with those who continue the struggle for human rights and human dignity.

Please encourage your readership to meet with us on April 23, at the Lambda Community Center, 20th and L streets at 7:30 pm. We would like to hear the perspective of all people who believe a Parade is appropriate and would like to help as well as those who don't share this dream, we'd like to hear why?

Respectfully yours,
Rand L. Sheriff-Laurent

Watch Your Language!

Editor,

River City Metropolitan Church has been a standard bearer in civil and human rights for over 19 years. We have worked for, and felt deeply for, the spiritual needs of the gay and lesbian community. We are there for you, whether you are members of our congregation or not, in times of joy or sorrow.

In these precarious times, it is important that we learn to communicate with each other, and those in power, with skillful, loving ways, so that we may adequately express our differences.

Our church is concerned about the disrespectful language that has been used in our Sanctuary during non-religious functions. We request, that in the future, speakers evaluate the need to use shock-language to get their point across, and at all times remember they are in "the house of our Lord". Our Sanctuary is a sacred place to us. We appreciate the community's understanding in this matter.

Yours in Christ,
Lynn Strawbridge

1992 March on Washington?

Editor,

To all members of the community interested in organizing a third March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, please note that there will be a second national planning meeting on May 11 and 12 to take place in Washington D.C. The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW. Special arrangements for travel and accommodations are currently being made, and will soon be made public.

While I was not able to attend the first planning meeting on March 9, I understand that several people urged that the march be deferred until after 1994. As an HIV+ man with more teeth than T-cells, I would like to strongly press for a march in May of 1992. While I understand that a year is not much time to get one million women and men to the Capitol, I also know that there are tens of thousands of gay men eager to march again who will not be above ground

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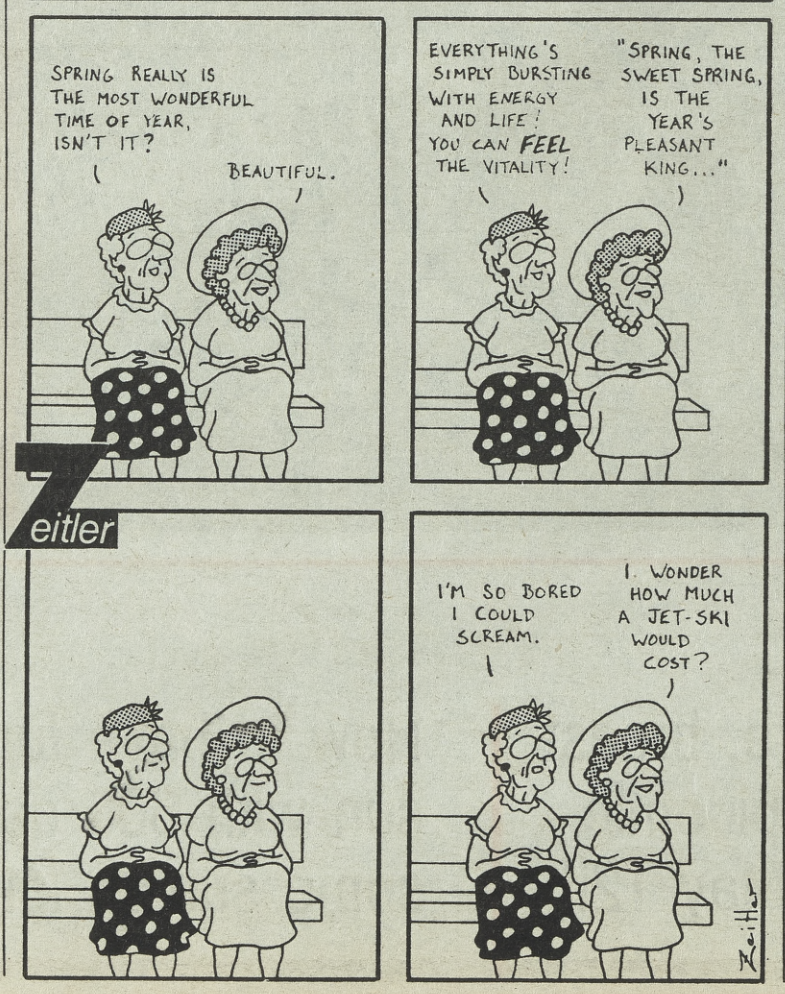
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LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

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AROUND TOWN

Suspects Released, Killers Sought By Police

by **Kate Moore**

On April 11, police released composite drawings of two men suspected of the murder of a gay man, Vincent Blades, on March 7.

The two men were described by a 14 year-old girl who admitted to being involved in the killing.

The three original suspects arrested for the murder, Fred Roybal, Kasi Fellows, and William Gelling were released on March 29 after the 14 year-old turned herself in. As Fred Roybal was released he is quoted as saying, "It was a bum rap man. The last 21 days were hell." The three plan to sue the city police department for false arrest.

The 14 year-old plead guilty April 10 to a charge of battery for her participation in the anti-gay assault. She admittedly kicked Blades during the scuffle in an alley off 20th and K Streets. She had been made a ward of the court and is being held in juvenile hall awaiting the arrival of her mother from Ohio.

The young girl claims to have met the two suspects at a truck stop in Ohio and only knows their first names, Ron and James. Ron is described as 20 years of age, 5' 9" tall, 135 lbs., James is described as 19 years of age, 5' 10" with medium length blondish-red hair and light colored freckles.

Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to contact the Alert Hotline at 443-HELP or 1-800-AA-CRIME. You may call and remain anonymous.

Composite drawing of suspects. Ron (left), James (right).

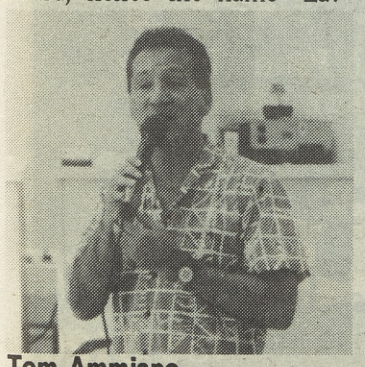
Sacramento Celebrates the Lavender Sweep in SF

by **Garrett Maddera**

The movers and shakers of San Francisco politics made a special guest appearance at Ambrose-Heath in Sacramento to celebrate the "Lavender Sweep" and to raise funds for the Lambda Players, the local gay/lesbian theater group.

Special guest speakers included; Roberta Achtenberg and Carole Migden, San Francisco Supervisors; Tom Ammiano, San Francisco School Board; Gary Miller, Robla School Board Member, and Jean Harris, who pioneered the monumental Domestic Partners Campaign.

Nov. 6, 1990 became a turning point for lesbian and gay candidates in San Francisco with Roberta Achetenberg and Carol Migden's election to the Board of Supervisors and Tom Ammiannio being chosen to a seat on the city's School Board, hence the name "Lavender Sweep."



Tom Ammiano.

Carol Migden.

Roberta Achtenberg expressed gratitude toward Sacramento for all the monetary and moral support she received through her campaign and urged everyone to "keep giving to political campaigns that defend and protect gay and lesbian people everywhere."

"We're team players...and we as a community made it (the sweep) happen", declared Carole Migden. She reminded Sacramento that it is important to have strong ties between San Francisco and the State Capitol, and that California must become a pro-active State if legislation such as AB 101 is going to succeed.

Tom Ammiano warned to "never negate any advances just because they're in one place," alluding to the idea that if it can happen in San Francisco it can happen everywhere.

Jean Harris reminded us that "we are proud, gentle people", and that we must be bold and get out there and take risks, because "we've got nothing to lose and alot to gain."

In addition to the rally cries and speeches of encouragement, we were also graced with live entertainment by Mary Rose and Open Road, who so selflessly donated their time and talent for the benefit celebration.

Special recognition is also given to Michael and Stacy Triglia who hosted the party at their restaurant on J Street with 2 heaping tables of hors d'oeuvres and spirits.

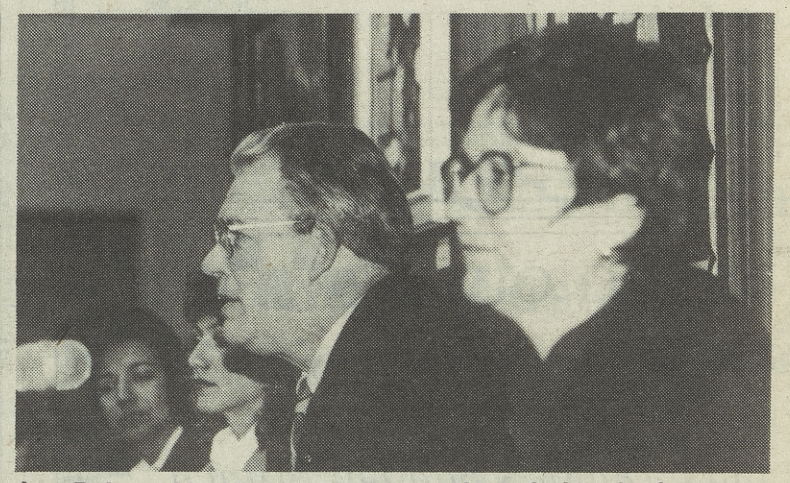
The grand finale of the fundraiser was none other than the Lambda Players who gave the group a sneak preview of a few scenes from their upcoming production of "The Fantasticks."

Crime Forum - Too Little, Too Late

by **Stacy Selmants**

The Hate Crimes Forum held on March 27 -- featuring a panel discussion among representatives of Sacramento's gay and law enforcement communities -- proved to be another example of "too little, too late."

Sponsored by the River City Democratic Club (RCDC), the well-intentioned event was promoted as being a forum where the increasingly visible issue of gay bashing could be addressed and solutions could be formulated. Instead, representatives of the gay community took the opportunity to vent outrage but to offer few solutions.



Lee Dohm addresses audience questions during the forum.

The crowd offered few challenges to Assistant Police Chief Lee Dohm's assertion that little could be done to prevent violence until the gay community's historically low incident repor-

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in 1995 or 1997.

I recommend that all those interested in the march begin to plan grassroots meetings in their city or region, do outreach to the diverse elements within our lesbian and gay community, and commit to attending the May 11-12 meeting. It is vital that there be a demonstration of broad-based support for a march so that the national gay/lesbian organizations and established activists understand the importance of this event.

There has been a toll-free number set up to answer questions concerning the May meeting--- 1-800-832-2889. If this number is not functioning, or if I may be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at the telephone number below.

Sincerely,
Drew Siegal
(415) 552-8382

Lambda Letters Hotline Open

Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the establishment of the Lambda Letters Legislation Hot Line. This telephone hot line began operation on Saturday March 23rd. Interested persons will be able to call the hot line at (916) 394-3103 to hear a recorded message about current legislation or other situations relating to women's rights, lesbian and gay rights, and HIV disease/AIDS.

Callers will be encouraged to call their legislators or other officials in government or private enterprise about the issues discussed in the recording. To assist you in contacting your legislators, we will soon send you the names, addresses and phone numbers of the legislators who represent you.

Thanks for all your support and encouragement,
Lambda Letters

Thank You Mr. Leather

Editor,

Our thanks to Mr. Leather Sacramento, Randy Gray, for sponsoring an informative anti-violence workshop on March 26, at Clunie Hall. The two hour seminar with Chris Burns was informative, practical, and understood by all audience members, male and female alike. Chris was extremely knowledgable on the subject of common sense self defense. In light of the recent increase in the attacks to members and friends of the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian community, I would strongly suggest that all members of this community attend this workshop should it be offered again. The time and money spent was a small price to pay for an evening of valuable knowledge.

James Ozanich & George Fox

Vainglorious Leather Club?

Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to try to bring some peace to members and ex-members of the Sacramento Leather Association.

Last month the latest ISSUE, printed a quite malicious letter by Carl McCollum. In the letter Carl argues about the founders of the SLA, this is pointless. The club exists to raise monies for charities and promote a positive leather lifestyle. The SLA was not designed to be a vainglorious look what I did club. The people who attended the first meeting named the group, thus the SLA. Drop the issue!

Carl brought up the topic of the first Mr. Leather Sacramento contest, a contest that happened 18 months ago. He accuses Earl of fixing the contest so I would win. This is a blatant lie! At the time of this contest Earl was chair of the SLA, and the committee in charge of setting up judges and the event had failed in doing their job. Earl and the SLA then proceeded to produce the contest. I personally apologize to the judges, Alan Selby founder Mr.S Leather, Michael Pereyra Mr. International Leather 1988, Steve Patten Mr. Nor. Cal. Drummer 1989, Jolanne Tierney Ms. Leather Sacramento 1987/88, and Steve Lesh Seargent at Arms Southbay Leather Uniform Group for this insult to their integrity.

Carl then mentions a special patch for motorcyclists who are members of SLA. This motion was tabled. Had the patch been accepted it would be club matters. I wish he would turn his energy into a more constructive purpose in this community.

Good health and life in leather,
George M. Hollcraft.

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Save Our Selves Fights Breast Cancer

by **Lotus Fong**

"I held my hands up over my head and I noticed that (my armpit) looked really swollen, I had to find out what it was," recalls Ellen Hobbs, working mother of four and founder of Save Our Selves, a breast awareness advocacy group.

In October 1990, a needle biopsy showed that the lump found under Hobbs' arm was malignant. Later that month, surgeons removed 23 cancerous lymph nodes. In December 1990, Hobbs had a mastectomy to remove a small, pea-sized cancerous lump in her breast.

By no means is Ellen Hobbs alone in her physical battle against this ravaging disease. The facts on breast cancer plainly testify to the prevalence of breast cancer among American women:

* 44,500 women will die of breast cancer this year.
* Every 13 minutes a woman dies of breast cancer - 110 daily deaths.
* One out of every nine American women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Of these women, two-thirds have no family history.
* Every 4 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.
* Breast cancer will directly affect 175,000 women this year alone.

While the statistics for women as a whole are very disturbing, the figures for lesbians are even more alarming. "There's an incredible incidence of lesbians dying of cancer", says Donna Yutzy, Executive Director of the Lambda Center. "The Women's Cancer Resource Center claims that in the last five years, 85,000 lesbians have died of some form of cancer. . . The important thing that people are just now recognizing is that lesbians have a 25% higher risk for cancers in general (and) breast cancer in particular, than a straight woman. . . (breast cancer) is now being called the second epidemic in the gay and lesbian community.."

The reasons for the high rate of breast cancer amongst lesbians may be partly attributable to our social dynamics. Yutzy explains, "Dr.Antonia Novello (Surgeon General for the United States), was talking about the fact that on a nationwide level when they deal with the statistics of women's health issues, they deal with women and nuns as two separate categories because nuns do not have children so they don't lactate and secondly, they also don't go to doctors."

While women can take an active role in detecting breast cancer by doing a monthly breast self-examination, getting yearly breast exams and obtaining routine mammograms (after age 40), these methods are by no means fail safe especially among younger women.

Organizers of the May 12th Demonstration set priorities.

"I'm hoping to make the public aware just how deadly a disease this is . . . You know, not that many people actually survive it. . ." , explains the 35 year old Hobbs.

In an effort to educate both the public and our political representatives, The Northern California Breast Cancer Organization will be sponsoring a Breast Cancer Awareness Demonstration on Mother's Day, May 12 1991, 2:00 p.m. on the west steps of the State Capitol.

"Right now 17% of the national health budget is for women's health... we are 50% of the U.S. population. Why isn't 50% of the health budget for women?" laments a concerned Donna Yutzy. While Yutzy's query is a valid one, it remains a question left largely unanswered by those who control the purse strings of our governmental system. While our campaign is expected to be an arduous one, for every day we squander in indecision, the lives of 110 women are lost. "Keep fighting ... because nobody's going to do it for you...", says Hobbs. For the sake of your mothers, your aunts, your lovers, yourselves, give your support to the Breast Cancer Awareness March.

Ellen Hobbs will be one of several women featured in the television series, 20/20. The program will air 10:00 p.m., Friday, 10 May 1991 on channel 13.

For more information on breast cancer:

Save Our Selves
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(916) 349-8885

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(408) 741-0718

Stan Hadden Recognized

by **Stacy Selmants**

It only took a decade to receive a formal "thank you" for his untold hours of effort in the fight against AIDS.

On May 8, Stan Hadden, known as the most indefatigable crusader at the Capitol in the field of AIDS legislation, will be honored at a cocktail reception that will be a commingling of legislators, gay activists, state bureaucrats, and others involved in AIDS patient services. What is different about this reception is that it not only will be a public acknowledgement of Stan's contributions, but it is also a fundraiser, since part of the money collected will be used to defray Hadden's escalating medical bills since his diagnosis of Karposi's sarcoma in September, 1990.

Sponsored by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, the reception will be held at the Senator Hotel, 1211 L Street, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and will be followed by a "no-host" dinner at the Firehouse, in Old Sacramento.

"This reception was planned when Stan announced that he was stepping down off the Sacramento AIDS Foundation Board," said Ken Topper, one of the organizers of the event. "The AIDS Foundation Board's need to acknowledge his contributions evolved into a statewide event. We are raising money for client services the AIDS Foundation provides. But we are also hoping to raise money for the 'Friends of Stan' account."

Stan Hadden.

Topper explained the evolution of the "Friends of Stan"

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Some Republicans Urge Veto of AB101

by **Stacy Selmants**

In an early assault, fearing the potential success of Assembly Bill 101, 28 Assembly Republicans formally urged Governor Wilson to veto the latest version of a comprehensive gay rights bill.

On April 10, a letter (dated April 3) authored by Assemblymember Stan Statham (R-Oak Run) and signed by 27 other Assemblymembers was sent to the governor's office claiming "There is no compelling or demonstrated need...there is little official documentation that discrimination based on homosexuality is a problem."

The letter states that adding "sexual orientation" to the list of categories in non-discrimination statutes would set "an extremely bad precedent," and concluded that, "In order to qualify as a minority, a group must be politically powerless and have endured substantial injury. The homosexual community is far more powerful than any parent group and their injuries are not as great."

The bill was approved in its first committee hearing on March 13, and still must be presented to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee before it is heard on the Assembly floor. Assuming it is successful in the Assembly, AB 101 will then be sent to the Senate for a vote and then to the governor. There are still many votes to be counted, so a public appeal for a veto may be seen as premature, and as an indicator that the right wing of the Assembly is running scared.

Statham defended the early outcry by saying, "We have all sorts of information that the gay community is on a heavy alert, an all out lobbying effort on the gov's office, and we couldn't wait until the bill got to the governor to give him the facts."

Alan Lofaso, a lobbyist with the LIFE lobby (which is sponsoring the bill) concluded that "We are concerned, but not worried," about the latest development in the battle to pass gay rights legislation.

"The people who signed the letter were all 'NO's' anyway. And the four Republicans who we have listed as 'leans yes ' (potential affirmative votes) didn't sign the letter," Lofaso added.

Since the last attempt to pass gay rights legislation was vetoed by Governor Deukmejian, this early push for a veto could be construed as a danger sign, but the Governor's office has not publicly taken a position. A Republican member of LIFE's Executive Board reportedly contacted the executive press office shortly after the letter was released, and was told that when Wilson was a U.S. Senator, he "supported equal rights for everyone."

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ting average improved. (Dohm is the police department's designated liaison to the gay/lesbian community.)

"We need to get cooperation from the community to follow up on these crimes," Dohm said. "The DA can't prosecute; we can't patrol until we know what's going on."

Shaanon Lindauer, of the Lambda Center's staff, illustrated that problem by contrasting the 1588 hate crimes reported nationally to a gay/lesbian hate crimes tracking project, versus the 265 hate crimes reported nationally to law enforcement agencies. "These are not just statistics, they are people, people who may be afraid to report these crimes to the police."

Other panel members included Sacramento Sheriff's Department representative Naya Miller, Human Rights and Fair Housing Commissioner Ron Brown, Lambda Center Executive Director Donna Yutzy, and Deputy District Attorney Anna Bravo.

Bravo, who heads the Hate Crimes Unit for the DA's office, explained why hate crimes are often not prosecuted as hate crimes. "Currently, there are no 'enhancements' (no additional punishment) for hate crimes in law. We have to weigh the statutes against the penalties. There are few incentives to establish that a crime is a hate crime, if the suspect will not receive any additional penalties. That is why our office is supporting legislation that would create these enhancements."

Senate Bill 98, sponsored by Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy, and carried by Senator Bill Lockyer (D-Fremont) addresses this problem. The bill, which cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 2, will double current penalties for hate crimes, and would remove the cap on punitive damage awards in civil suits. The bill would increase sentences from six months to a year for misdemeanor offenses and add up to four years to a felony sentence.

The Lambda Center's Yutzy blamed the increases in bias-related crimes to increased visibility of gays and lesbians. And she listed what she sees are major flaws in the current reporting system.

"There is no formal Police Commission, no office for citizen's complaints, and no openly gay beat officers in Lavender Heights. There also is no category for hate crimes on the reporting forms."

Dohm stated that reporting forms do have a designation for bias-related crimes, and noted that the Sacramento Police Department had recently formed a bias-related crimes unit, and hoped to install a "hotline" for reporting hate crimes. He also stated that of the hate crimes reported to the department, "only 10 percent" are gay related-- a figure disputed by the Lambda Center's Lindauer.

As to the assertion that the police department is not doing enough to recruit gay/lesbian officers, or to encourage gays already on the force to "come out," Dohm was noncommittal.

"We specifically don't want to put them on the spot. We do very thorough background checks. We want to give them the feeling that they can come out. We should set an example, and I really don't know how we can do that. And as for assigning gay officers to the Lavender Heights district, they pick their own districts. And they often pick the districts that have the best hours, or the best days off."

The Lambda Center is responding to increased violence in several ways. Whistles are available for $1 to alert others if an attack is in progress; a security force of citizens, dubbed "The Lavender Angels" will be patrolling the "cruise" area on 20th Street; and self defense workshops are being scheduled. Additionally, the Gay and Lesbian Town Council, which meets in the Lambda Center, has recently appointed a five member panel to act as liaison between the gay and the law enforcement community in the effort to improve protection services.

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Davis Lesbians, Gays Come Out

A variety of social, political, educational and multicultural activities will mark **OUT N' RAGIN' 91**, the Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Awareness Week on the UC Davis campus.

A full week of activities began on April 12 and will conclude with BGLAD's participation in the campus-wide Picnic Day, Sat. April 20. All events are free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 16, at noon is "Bisexuals Speak Out" a panel discussion and Coalition for Learning About and Understanding Biphobia workshop. Wednesday evening, Karla Grant will present "Out to Protect Ourselves", a self-defense workshop, 7:30 pm in King Lounge.

Thursday, April 18, is "Building Community/Gaining Visibility", featuring Alan Lofaso from LIFE (Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality) and Donna Yutzy from the Lambda Center in Sacramento and others. Thursday evening, "Eat Your Art Out", a multicultural art feast of poetry, visual and performance works with Dexter Smith, the Lambda Players and many others at 7:30 pm in the activities room.

Talk to Men About Safe-Sex

Volunteers are wanted at the Lambda Center to assist in the implementation of outreach programs designed to increase the Safe-Sex thinking of local gay and bi-sexual men.

If you are not afraid to discuss HIV issues and Safer Sex, and can commit a couple of hours a week to spreading information that may save lives, call the Lambda Community Center at 442-0185 and ask for Franklin Kakies, Craig Spatola or John Hylton.

Candlelight Memorial May 19

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the Lambda Community Center will co-sponsor the local AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization May 19, 1991. Participants will gather at 8 p.m. on the West steps of the State Capitol and will march down Capitol Mall to the Federal Building, where a short ceremony will be held.

Individuals should supply their own candles and protective cups.

SAF Health Educator and Candlelight Co-Chair Joe Chase said, "On May 19, Sacramento will join with grassroots groups in over 200 cities in 35 countries, making this the world's largest simultaneous show of solidarity with People Living With AIDS. We hope our local effort will offer both a time publicly grieve our losses and an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the fight for renewed prevention efforts, civil rights, medical care and access to effective HIV treatments."

For further information or to make a donation, contact the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K Street, Suite 201, Sacramento, CA 95814. (916) 448-2437.

Rights for Sac. County Gays

Employees of Sacramento County have formed the Caucus for the Promotion for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. The main purpose of this organization is to protect individuals whether county employees or not, against discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation or lifestyle.

If you are interested in finding out more about this organization please write, Caucus for the Promotion for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, P.O. Box 163691, Sacramento, CA 95816-9691.

Dykes To Watch Out For

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SO HOW'S LIVING IN SIN?
THERE'S NOT MUCH SINNING GOING ON EITHER, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. WE'VE BOTH BEEN SICK
I HEARD SOME-THING'S GOING AROUND. CHILLS, NIGHTMARES, NAUSEA?
YEAH. THE NEW WORLD ORDER FLU.
TELL ME ABOUT IT. I NEARLY LOST MY LUNCH WHEN I HEARD BUSH'S LATEST. HE SAYS THE HIGH NUMBER OF BLACK SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT IN THE GULF JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT THE PENTAGON'S THE "GREATEST EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AROUND."
PLEASE, GINGER! I'M STILL A LITTLE WOBBLY.
SORRY. ACTUALLY, I CAME IN HERE TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL. GOT ANY GOOD BOOKS TO TAKE MY MIND OFF THE WORLD?
YOU MEAN SOMETHING LITERARY OR SOMETHING FUN?
YOU KNOW THE KIND OF BOOK YOU DON'T WANT ANY ONE TO KNOW YOU ACTUALLY READ. SOMETHING TOTALLY ESCAPIST.
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MAYBE. WHAT ELSE YOU GOT?
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FOR TWENTY BUCKS?! ARE YOU INSANE?
OKAY, OKAY! JUST TRYING TO DO MY JOB! THIS ISN'T A LENDING LIBRARY, YOU KNOW!
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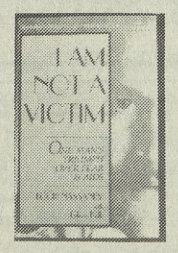

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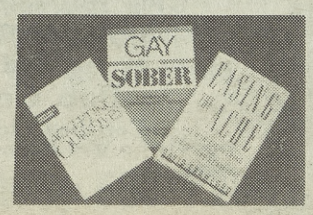

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Hawaii Enacts Gay Rights Bill

The Hawaii legislature passed a law prohibiting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. Governor John Waihee signed the law March 21, making the 50th state the third to enact a statewide gay rights law.

Virtually no publicity was generated about lobby efforts for the legislation. The last two issues of the monthly gay newspaper based in Honolulu included one sentence, announcing plans to introduce the bill. "It was done very, very quietly and very effectively," said Tim Drake, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

State Sen. Ann Kobayashi introduced the bill through the Committee on Employment and Public Institutions. Similar bills are normally routed through the Judiciary Committee. That strategy, said Valorie Taylor, executive director of Honolulu's Gay and Lesbian Community Center, stalled the opposition.

"We're tickled with Hawaii," added Drake. "We think Hawaii will give a moral boost to other places - bills in Connecticut, Maine, Iowa, and California."

The Washington Blade

Judge Uses "Homo" in Case

Attorneys for Joseph Steffan filed a motion March 12 to have a federal district court judge removed from the former Naval midshipman's case against the Department of Defense, charging that the judge's use of a derisive term to identify the gay plaintiff is evidence that he holds an unfair bias in the case.

The complaint stems from comments made by Judge Oliver Gasch, during a March 6 hearing on Steffan's case. According to a transcript of the hearing, Gasch use the term "homo" three times during discussions with attorney Mark Wolinsky, who represents Steffan.

The Washington Blade

Partners Get Health Benefits

San Francisco's Health Services Retirement Board voted April 4 to adopt the 1990-91 health plan that includes health benefits eligibility for domestic partners of city workers.

"This new policy reflects the diversity of many families in San Francisco and across the nation," Mayor Art Agnos said about the plan.

The open enrollment period for domestic partners and dependent children begins in May.

Kaiser health-care insurance will cost a city worker about $150 a month for a partner.

Bay Area Reporter

Congress to End Discrimination?

Washington D.C., March 18, Lesbian and gay activists applauded a letter to President George Bush from 40 members of Congress that called for an end to the military's anti-gay policy and supported gay men and lesbians who served in Operation Desert Storm.

The letter, dated March 15, 1991, expresses support for "all military personnel in the Gulf--including some fifty thousand gay and lesbian soldiers who served and are continuing to serve valiantly," and calls on the President to "end the military's shameful discrimination."

"The President has the authority to end this institutionalized discrimination, and this letter from Congress is a significant step toward getting him to act," said Tim Drake, director of the NGLTF Policy Institute's Military Freedom Initiative. "Thousands of lesbian and gay men served in the Gulf at the request of their President, as they have done in past wars. Now he has an obligation to thank them for their service by ending the policy that punishes them for being who they are."

NGLTF is currently circulating petitions calling on President Bush to issue an Executive Order rescinding Directive N. 1332.14. People wishing to help circulate petitions may contact Tim Drake at NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington D.C.,20009,(202)332-6483.

No Right to Kids

A lesbian who helped her lover raise two children has no parental right to custody or visitation after the couple's break up, a state appeals court ruled.

The woman, who was listed as a parent on both children's birth certificates, apparently was intended by the biological mother to have a parental relationship with the children, the 1st District Court of Appeals in San Francisco said.

The couple, named as Nancy S. and Michele G. lived together from 1969 to 1985. Nancy bore a daughter and son by artificial insemination.

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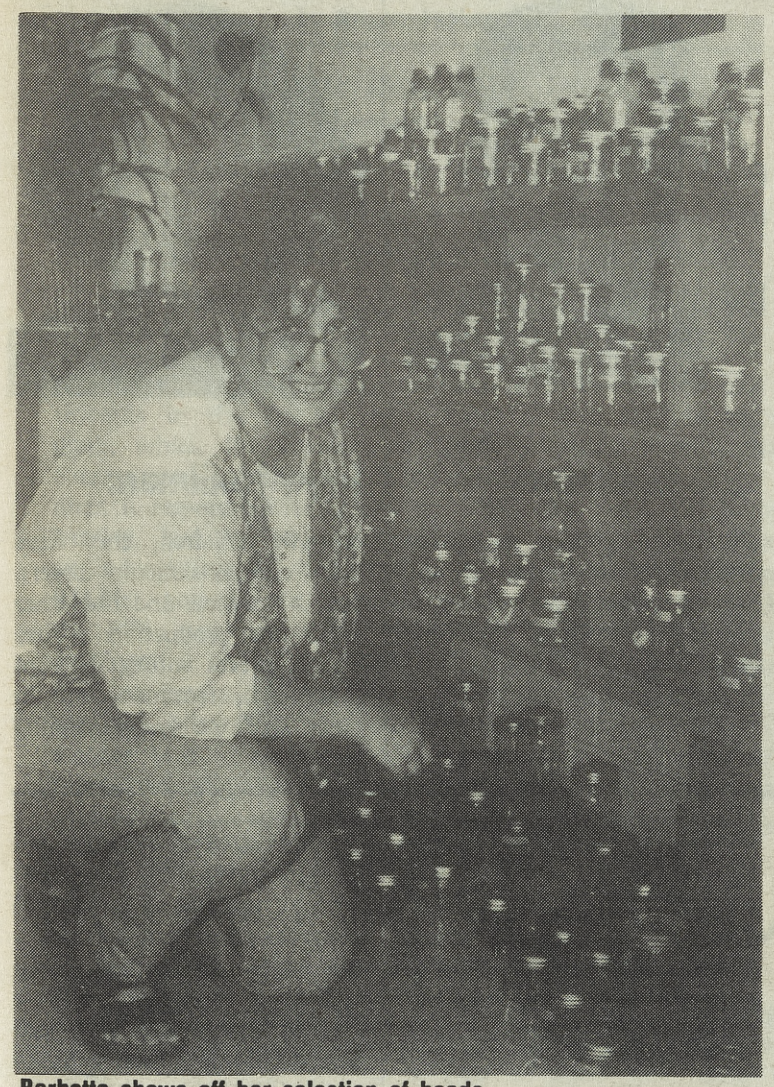

Barbetta shows off her selection of beads.

Barbetta. How do you describe a person or a store that represents so many things...new, old, rich, poor, colorful, colorless, connected, disconnected. Eclectic maybe, eccentric yes, magical definitely.

As you walk into Barbetta's Beads in midtown Sacramento you quickly realize that you are welcome and able to play in a playground of beads, baubles and bangles of every shape & color.

Barbetta opened her shop with a definite feeling in mind "I wanted it to be a place where people could come have a cup of tea, look at the books and beads and create a piece of jewelry that captures who they are."

With 12 years of creating jewelry as an art form, Barbetta uses her store as a gallery to show the talents of artists like herself who create wearable art. "I try to stay away from 'production stuff', you can get that anywhere, here you will find one of a kind pieces."

Classes are planned to teach the novice how to create jewelry as individual as the artist in you.

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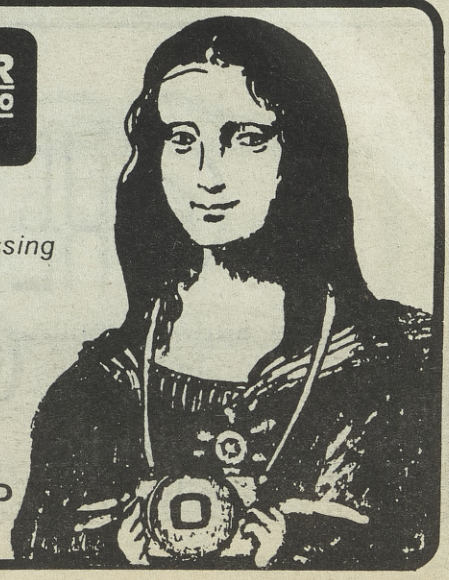
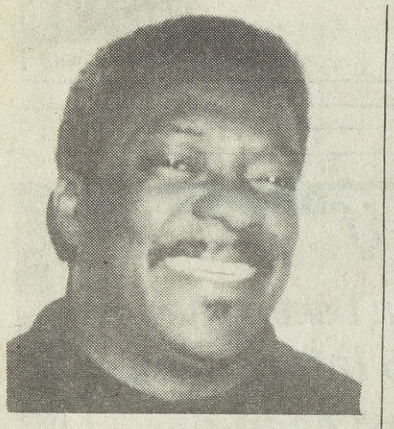


street ?WHYS

by **Tom Romanotto**

Who Do You Admire Most?



Phil Fisher:

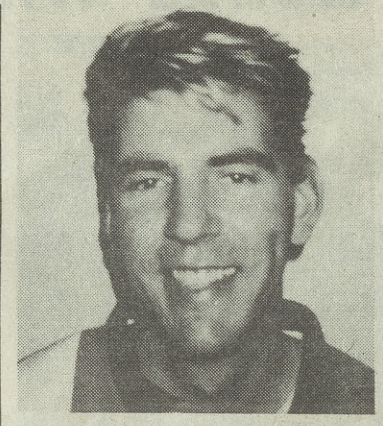
One of my teachers, I admire his philosophy about life and his kindness towards other people. He is in the same field I am in and I see him as a mentor.

Teri Powell:

The gay male, for the hardships they have endured in the last few years, and because knowing them has really enhanced my life!

Sequieta:

God, because He has the hardest job and He loves me no matter what!



J.T. Brannon:

Abraham Lincoln, he failed miserably until he was around 40, and then became one of the most successful politicians in history.

Faye Holliman:

My two children, they have both chosen difficult careers, one is an actor and the other is in film production. They chose careers totally different than their parents and in areas that we know nothing about.

STREETS

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gay bars during the weekend's darkest and most dangerous hours. Their mission is simply to prevent violence.

Led by Stephen Blakley, the group formed just after the murder of Blades on March 7. The Street Patrol was the result of an evening Blakley spent with friends lamenting the recent bashings and venting frustration that "there seemed to be nothing we could do." By that evening's end, the feelings of anger and helplessness were replaced with a strong resolve. "We aren't getting any protection from the police, so its time to take care of ourselves." said Blakley.

Although they have not yet encountered any street violence, the Street Patrol does have a planned response -- one designated patrol person sends for the police as the remaining members of the group surround the scene and detain the attacker. "We're out there watching and will make sure they (bashers) go to jail," said Blakley.

On a recent Friday night spent with The Street Patrol, I was surprised by the atmosphere of the group. Rather than the angry, destructive people ready for revenge that I expected to meet, I found a fun, flamboyant bunch -- fifteen men, each on their own, a target for a basher, but as a group, a strong deterrent built of unity and pride. These guys are having fun and are ready for almost anything.

Normally, they patrol in groups of 8 or 9 and take no specific route. The patrols are every Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 10:30 p.m. and lasting until 3 a.m. As the gay bars close, the members of the patrol escort bar patrons to their cars and watch to see that they are safely on their way.

Deputy Chief Lee Dohm, the Sacramento Police Department's liaison to the gay community stated that "Any help citizens can give police to control crime, we welcome," but warned, "people need to use good judgement, if there is a weapon involved they can get in over their heads."

Barbara Cameron at Community United Against Violence in San Francisco stated that the members of the Street Patrol "need to be careful. It can be a very dangerous situation if people aren't well trained... CUAV no longer encourages patrols for that reason."

Training is the difference between the Street Patrol and the planned "Lavender Angels" of the Lambda Community Center. Under the direction of self-defense specialist Midge Moreno, all volunteers for this program will go through self defense training before officially guarding the streets.

> Every individual must take an active role in his/her own safety.

Shaanon Lindauer of the Lambda Center said "This will not be a band-aid on open heart surgery...this program will be here years from now." Blakley commented, "We are willing to work with the Lambda Center, but we are tired of waiting for protection."

Spider, another person who cares for the gay community and has been attempting to help gays and lesbians take care of themselves, echoed Blakley's concern. "The police think that the problem (bashings) is created by the existence of a problem (gays). If the police would come out here and do their job I wouldn't be needed."

This extremely secretive and street-wise woman has been cruising the streets for several years taking care of Sacramento's bashed, beaten and downtrodden. Traveling with a stocked medical bag, advanced first aid training, and a baton sized flashlight, she stalks Lavender Heights helping the needy and victims of assault. "So many people have little care for there own welfare" she said, "they think it's not going to happen to them."

As each of these individuals and organizations strive to provide safety for the gay community, each acknowledges that every individual must take an active role in his/her own safety. "We're tired of being afraid" said Blakley. "It's time we take care of ourselves."

Whistles are available at the Lambda Center for a $1.00 donation and proceeds go to benefit the Center's hate crimes programs.

If you are interested in participating in the Street Patrol, members gather at the corner of Capitol and 21st at 10:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday nights. The "Lavender Angels" are recruiting volunteers and the first training session is being planned; for information call the Lambda Center at 442-0185.

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HIV POSITIVE

AZT Eligibility Changes

by **Arturo Jackson III**

A new state law, passed last year and implemented March 15, will reduce eligible income levels for a federally funded program that will provide AZT and aerosolized pentamidine free of charge to qualifying individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

Prior to the new law participants in the federal program, which the County of Sacramento Health Department is responsible for administering, had to demonstrate an income level of less than $44,000 annually to receive the FDA approved drug and treatment at no charge. The new law lowers the program's annual allowable income amount to $26,540, and mandates that eligible applicants with higher incomes pay a share of cost ranging up to $400 a month towards their treatment regimen.

The law was passed last year as a health budget reduction measure and exempts current participants in the federal program. Vickie-Marie Parker, Administrative Services Officer for the County of Sacramento, expressed her concerns; "Most people receiving AZT through the county are already on the program. We are concerned with those who will apply for AZT and aerosolized pentamidine in the future, especially as the numbers grow."

Officials have stated that the change in income eligibility was necessary because of a $3 million reduction in the state AIDS drug budget for the current year. "The county recognizes the importance in getting this drug and treatment to those for whom the federal program is designed to benefit," Parker added. "We will do anything we can, within reason, to make the entire process easier for the client," the administrator emphasized.

For more information or to apply for the program, call the Sacramento County Health Department at (916) 732-3638.

AIDS Legislation Update

by **Arturo Jackson III**

State legislators introduced 3,491 bills earmarked for the 1991-92 session with a two year process required for the proposals to become law.

Numerous bills addressing HIV/AIDS issues in California have been proposed by various legislators. Most of the bills exemplify an educated and compassionate response and responsibly address the impact of AIDS on thousands of state residents. Others are downright scary. The bills range from establishing a commission to study the needs of minority women (AB 1916-Lee) to initiating the quarantine of people testing HIV positive or diagnosed with ARC or AIDS in the name of public safety (AB 1851-Harvey).

The following are some of the AIDS related bills proposed for the 1991-92 session (bill numbers preceded by AB reflect an Assembly bill while those with an SB were initiated in the Senate):

AB 11 (Hughes)
AIDS: Prevention Instruction; Educational Materials -- Requires AIDS prevention education for grades 7 to 12; requires notice to parents who may request their child not receive instruction in AIDS prevention; allows local school boards to require parental consent prior to instruction.

AB 1113 (Archie-Hudson)
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome -- Requires the State Department of Health to promote education of health

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Fred Francis, NBC's Chief News Correspondent, will speak at UC Davis' Freeborn Hall at 8 pm. For ticket info call 752-1915.

MONDAYS

Women's Rap & Social, 7pm at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St. For more info call 442-0185

HIV + Support Group sponsored by Project Survival, of WCIC. Call 454-0516 for information.

Men's Coming-Out Group, Co-sponsored by GLAS and the Lambda Community Center in the Miwok Room at the CSUS University Union, 5:30 - 7p.m. For more info call Franklin at the Lambda Center, 442-0185.

16 tuesday

"FOR PLAY' is coming back to Joseph's at 9 pm. $3.00 admission. For more info call 649-9248

Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays will meet at 7:30 pm Christian Ed Building at St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Wy. For more info call 665-1050.

TUESDAYS

Being Gay Today, 10pm on cable 63. One hour of lesbian & gay programs from around the country & beyond.

Women's Coming Out Group, wheelchair accesible, childcare available. For time and location, please call 278-7388.

17 wednesday

BANG! The Business Alliance of Networking Gays is holding it's second meeting at The Incredible Edible Restaurant at 1401 Alhambra Blvd. For more information call 457-3269.

Feminist Comic Betsy Salkind, debuts her comedy routine at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St. at Market in San Francisco. For more info call 415)861-7933.

Wynton Marsalis, Jazz Trumpeter, will perform at 8 pm. in UC Davis' Freeborn Hall. Tickets are $13 - $22.50, for more info call 752-2523

WEDNESDAYS

"Let's Talk" support group, a.k.a. Queers with Fears, for gay & Bi-men 7pm -8:30 pm (2nd, 4th & 5th Wed. of each month) at CARES, 2710 Capitol Ave. for more info call 443-3299.

18 thursday

THURSDAYS

Being Gay Today, 9pm on cable 63. One hour of lesbian & gay programs from aroung the country & beyond.

"The Healing Circle" a safe supportive space for anyone on a path of self love and healing. 8pm at 60 Brady (one block off Market /Gough) in San Francisco. For more info call 415) 864-6638.

Volleyball! Interested in playing volleyball? Thursday nights, 7-9pm, at Sacramento City College Women's Gym. Call Daryl Rice at 442-4641.

GLAS (Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento),meets in the CSUS Social Science building, room 236, 8:30 -10p.m. for more info call 456- 3469 or 927-8661.

19 friday

"An Evening With Peter Ustinov", a limited engagement at the Curran Theater, 445 Geary St. in San Francisco. Tickets are available at BASS/TM Outlets. For more info call 415)441-0919

Runs through May 26.

The Experience, a two and a half day workshop about love, truth and being powerful in life. For more info call 481-0105. April 19-21

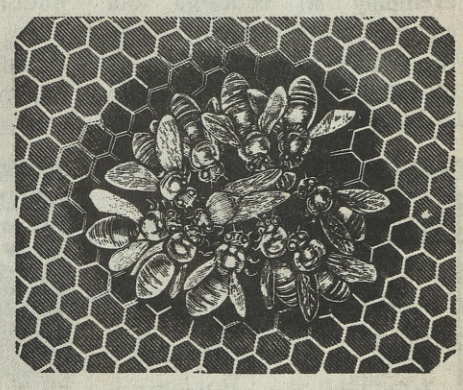
UC Davis Student Art Exhibit, at the Memorial Union Art Gallery on the UC Davis Campus For more info call 752-2885. Runs through May 19.

SACWN Presents a "Women in Business Faire" at the Sierra Inn, 2600 Auburn Blvd. For more info call 486-8589.

A Chorus Line, will be performed at the Davis Musical Theater Company, 2121 2nd St in Davis. Tickets are $10. For more info call 756-3682. Weekends through May 19.

The Lambda Players presents, **The Fantasticks**, at 8:15 pm at tne Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St. Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the door. For more info call 442-0185.

20 saturday



Coronation of the new Emperor & Empress of California's Great Northwest Imperial Empire at Turn Verein Hall, 3349 J Street.

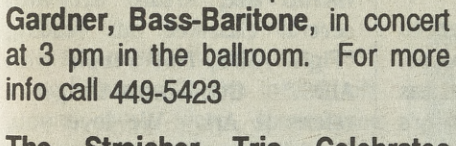
May

FRIDAYS

Country Western Dance, 7:30 p.m in the activity center of River City MCC, 34th St and Broadway. For more info call 454-4762.

Cafe Lambda at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street. Coffee, entertainment and dessert every Friday night from 8 p.m. - midnight.

21 sunday



Crocker Art Museum presents **Brian Gardner, Bass-Baritone,** in concert at 3 pm in the ballroom. For more info call 449-5423

The Streicher Trio Celebrates Mozart, at 8 pm in the Main Theater at UC Davis. Tickets are $5.00. For more info call 752-7896

22 monday

23 tuesday

The Sacramento Lesbian & Gay Town Council, will be discussing a motion to establish Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade in Sacramento. This will be an open meeting at 7:30 pm at the Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street For more information call 442-0185

24 wednesday

Ripped Levi Party in the Country Corral at Joseph's. Drink specials and fun! Call 649-9248 for more info.

Join the Lavender Angels. The Lambda Community Center is organizing a protective force for Lavender Heights. If you would like more information call 442-1085. April 24 - 26

National Lesbian Conference, will be held in Atlanta, Ga. Workshops, panels and speakers will be presented during the 4 day gathering. For more info write: National Lesbian Conference, P.O.Box 1999, Deactur, Ga 30031 or call 404) 373-0000.

26 friday

The Sacramento Men's Chorus performs with the **Sacramento Symphony** at the Community Center. Call 449-5181 for details.
April 26, 27, & 28

Jazzworks - a dance company, will complete its 9th season with a program entitled **'Rep and More'** at 8 pm at the 24th Street Theater. Tickets are $8 for reservations call 483-4017.

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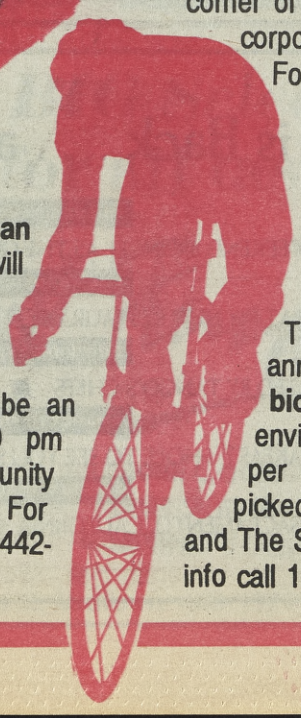

River City Metropolitan Church Mixed Chorus, presents a Variety Show at 7:30 pm at 2741 34th St. For more info call 454-4762

The Sacramento Bee's first annual **California Tour North, bicycle tour** to benefit the environment. Cost is $125 per rider. Applications can be picked up at most bicycle shops and The Sacramento Bee. For more info call 1-800-228-7041

3 friday

The Lavender Angels begin patrols. For more info call 442-0185.

5 sunday

Cinco De Mayo.

Lobby For Individual Freedom & Equality (LIFE) will hold its quarterly meeting here in Sacramento. All are welcome to come listen and participate. The event will be held at the Hotel El Rancho, West Sacramento, Davis Cup Room. For more info call 444-0424.

8 monday

Stan Hadden Recognized by the Legislature and Sacramento AIDS Foundation. A ceremony to be held at the Sacramento Convention Center will acknowledge the decade of service Stan has given to his community. Tickets are $35. For more information call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at 448-2437.

9 tuesday

Folklorico Quetzalli de Vera Cruz, will perform one night only at the Crest Theater on the K Street Mall. Tickets are $12. For more info call the Creat Theater at 442-5189 (1-4pm)

11 thursday

"Country Western Picnic & Bar B-Q" presented by SACWN. For more information call 486-8985.

12 sunday

Mother's Day

Demonstration Against Breast Cancer on the west steps of the Capitol at 2 p.m. Come speak out against the killer of over 44,500 women a year. Demand research and action. Bring your mother.

19 sunday

8th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, for more info call Sacramento AIDS Foundation at 448-2437.

24 friday

"National AIDS Lobby Days". Gay men and Lesbians are encouraged to call, write or visit their legislators and staff during Memorial Day week. For more info contact NCOD at 505)982-2558. 5/24 -6/3.

The 12th International Conference of Gay And Lesbian Jews, in San Francisco. For more info call 415)861-6932. May 24 - 27

Plan-It In Advance

To list your events in the Daily Plan-it, send a brief description of the event along with any graphic images you may have before the 5th of each month to: **the latest ISSUE**, P.O. Box 160584, Sacramento, CA 95816.

RUMOR HAS IT

Oh God! Has this town been busy. The Sacramento Swim Team - **The Heatwaves** - won the first place for small teams in the **International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Championship** in Long Beach. **David Lyons, Andy Brennan and Mark Blagdon** all came home with the gold! Congratulations Men! Special thanks to **Terry Sidie** for contributing the banner so the **Heatwaves** would be easily recognized. Look for that banner at the June 15 **Lambda Freedom Fair** and congratulate them on their successful year.

Speaking of Lambda, the Community Center's **Lambda Players** have been getting ready for the opening of **"The Fantastics."** **Neil Treganza** was seen being very butch the other day laying sheet rock in the new basement theater.

A few of the men of the Sacramento "Heatwaves."

The show will continue through May 4th. Check it out.

The big show coming up will be **Coronation** at Turn Verein Hall on April 20th. While vying for the exalted titles of Emperor and Empress, **Lady Garnet and Leonard** held a fundraiser for the **Sacramento Leather Association** Emergency Fund. Does that mean that the SLA is constantly in a state of emergency? Maybe. By the constant flow of petty letters to the editor, one would think so.

Leonard Harris & Lady Garnet.

One leather man who has been taking the community's welfare to heart is **Randy Gray, Mr. Sacramento Leather.** He recently held a self-defense seminar to help lesbians and gays learn to protect themselves. Over 50 people reportedly attended and learned the art of self protection.

Two people who have learned to protect themselves in truly volatile situations are **Stan Hadden and Neil Flynn.** These two great men appeared on a Channel 13 "Town Forum" that dealt with the issue of AIDS education. **Lou Sheldon** shipped in his bible thumping idiots for the forum and Flynn and Hadden remained clear and in control. **Steven Crow** was in the audience and got the last word saying "I'm a active gay man and I have remained HIV -, it is o.k. to have gay sex." Obviously Steven got in a prime time advertisement to those few gay men who don't already know him. (In the biblical sense.)

Arturo Jackson III is moving out of town to meet new men who don't already know him. As his farewell to the **Sacramento Bee,** Arturo left with several classified ads reading "Fight AIDS, Not People with AIDS." Good way to get a reference Art. We love you, good luck!

Well, **Doug Brown** doesn't

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have to worry about job security, he was also seen in the **Sacramento Bee** business section under "Who's Moving Up" with a fashionably smart photo. Congratulations Doug!

There is nothing like a good photo, it kind of captures the essence of the man inside. **Joel Ferrera** was recently seen at

Joel Ferrera.

the **"Lavender Sweep Celebration"** at **Ambrose Heath** dressed entirely in white. "I thought there would be a lot of out of towners who would believe that I was virginal." Sure. With that look in your eye no one would believe it.

From what I've heard, unless you were there you wouldn't believe the hot women and men at **Joey's 2nd**

Joey Claytor.

Anniversary at Club Shangri La. **Joey** wanted to thank those who contributed door prizes for the event. **Bang's, Greta's, Max's Opera Cafe** and **The Moment of Touch.** If you missed this prime happening event then you have one more chance to redeem yourself as a party woman or man. The next **Music By Joey** event is planned for April 27, at Club Shangri La 9 a.m. -2 a.m. with only a $5 cover charge. Be there, or be old.

Speaking of being old, **Stacy Selmants** and her lovely wife **Suzie Jones** celebrate their birthdays in April, along with **Steve, (Stacey)** of **Faces.** Also, Gelati Robi has enjoyed 9 years in business! **The latest ISSUE** begins its third year of community service next month thanks to all of the contributing writer and supportive advertisers!

A weekly event coming up for men only is the **Party Bus** to San Francisco. There are two reasons for the bus trip. 1) To meet men who are interested in going to the Berkeley bath house, and the San Francisco leather bars and 2) is for those men who frequent the **gay beaches, parks** and **West Sacramento bookstores** to avoid arrest. Rumor has it, both the Sacramento and West Sacramento police departments are on a **"Man Hunt"** for those of you looking for too good of a time. The bus trip looks like a good alternative to jail time.

BANG! The Business Alliance for Networking Gays had its first official meeting on March 28th with nine business people in attendance. The new organization seems to be on the right track to building the strength of lesbian/gay businesses. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17. If you would like details or more information call 457-3269.

The Sacramento Theater Company is having a **Gay Night** on May 15 to benefit the **Lambda Community Center's AIDS Outreach Program.** For tickets call 442-0185.

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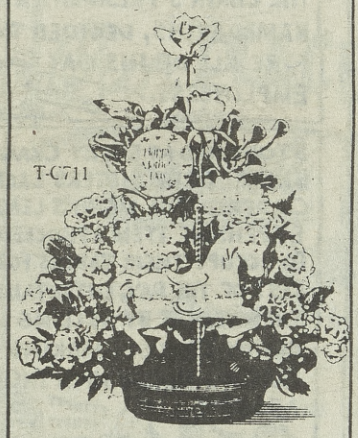

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International Exhibit Showing at the Matrix Gallery

by **D. Oldham**

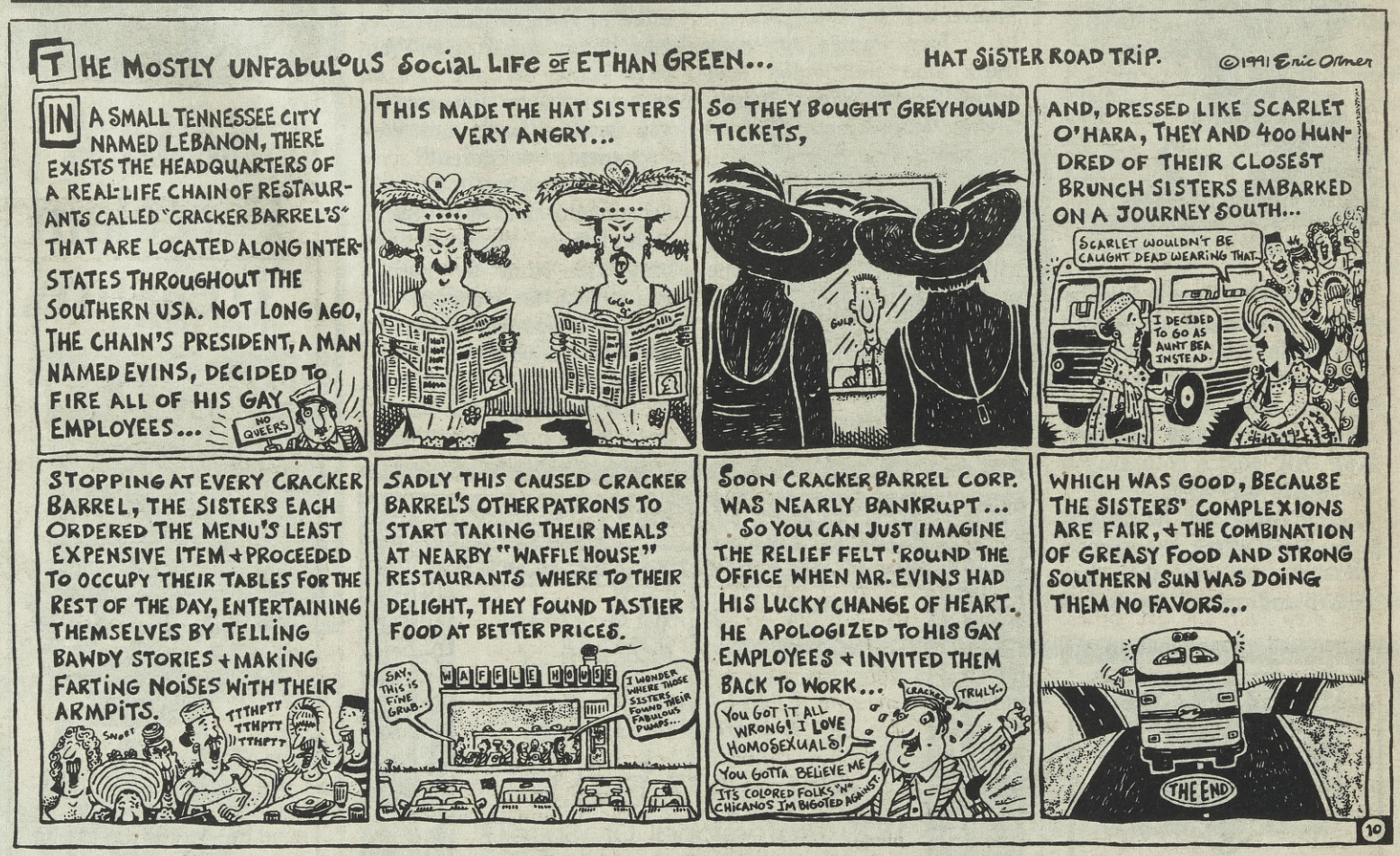
Matrix Gallery will be exhibiting works from all over the world in "Matrix International", April 24 - May 24.

The 29 works in this exhibition were chosen from over 600 entries that the gallery received. The show offers the viewer a chance to see a wide variety of raw and exciting art. Other galleries in town will be showing "satellite" exhibitions of works drawn from the entries not chosen for the Matrix exhibit. There will be a reception for the artists at Matrix Gallery on Saturday April 27, from 7 - 9 pm.

Matrix Gallery is located in the I Street Art Center at 1725 I Street in downtown Sacramento. Founded in 1977 by 9 women, the non-profit gallery now has a membership of over 60.

Members pay yearly dues and help run and staff the gallery. Matrix also offers workshops and classes as well as the monthly exhibitions. The Matrix organization is dedicated to supporting and expanding opportunities for women in the arts as well as providing a forum for addressing social issues that affect women today.

The Matrix Gallery also houses the "Upstairs Gallery", a wonderful place to find handmade jewelry and art work at very reasonable prices. Matrix accepts credit cards and, like most galleries, has a payment plan available for larger purchases. The Gallery is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11:30 - 4:30. For more information on upcoming exhibitions or membership please call; (916) 441-4818.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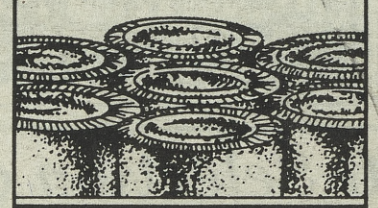

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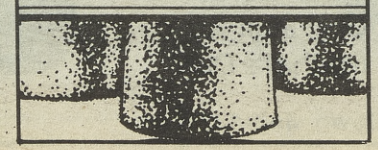


International Ms. Leather Contest

by **Helen Sacaceni**

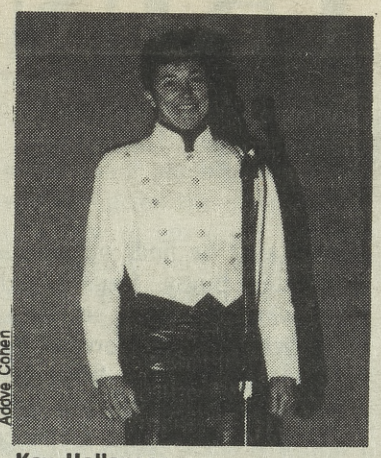
I told my friend, "I'm into leather," "WHAT?" she practically screamed at me. "You're not THAT kind of woman!"

"I'm going to the International Ms. Leather contest in San Francisco," I told a gay business acquaintance. "You don't look like you're into THAT scene," he said to me, "but you're wearing business drag--I guess you can never tell about people." (His eyebrow raised about an inch).

I love leather. I love the fragrance of it, I love the feel of it, and I like the way I feel when I wear it. But that is not what is understood by being "into leather."It seems to be universally acknowledged that being "into leather" means being into S/M, which infers cruelty, infliction of pain, bondage, dominance and submission, whips, cuffs, tops and bottoms, and (blush) sex toys. It brings to mind male dominance over women; being forced into a sexual scene in which we have no control over our bodies and what is being done to us. It's like the Story of O, whose lover turns her over to the males in the group as a sex slave. Is this, then, the real scene--mindless women who refuse to exert their free will and let other women tell them what to do and how to do it? What I have learned about the Lesbian S/M scene tells me that there is a lot of fear and misunderstanding about leather-women. Jana, Ms. Sacramento Leather 1991, told me that S/M is only one aspect of her life. At no time is she mindless, letting someone else force her into anything she is not willing to do. In fact, I find there is nothing "mindless" about any of the participants or the members of SLA or NLA. They are all very vocal about giving us a "piece of their mind" regarding our sexual rights and legislation affecting our choice, as well as safe, sober, and consensual sex. In S/M, these three words are very important.

But let me share with you my experience at the 5th Annual International Ms. Leather contest held this year at Club Townsend. The weekend started on Thursday night at a press conference with the contestants. I wandered around just taking in the leather fragrance and enjoying the scene. The best thing about Lesbian get-togethers is that age, physical shape, butch or femme-- it doesn't matter, all women are truly beautiful.

I skipped the Friday night beer bash, but arrived early Saturday afternoon at Club Townsend and watched Shadow Morton, the stage manager, put together the final touches to each contestant's fantasy so that it would come together just the way each intended. This was a very professional endeavor. Finally the crowd filled up the room (400 plus) and the contest began. The entertainment was professional and well done. Rainbeau, who has been on national TV, was exciting and erotic in her dance. House O'Chics performed a surrealist S/M fantasy incorporating dance, and Chris Burns, a martial arts enthusiast (and porn star), entertained us with samurai sword and dagger.



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Kay Hallanger.

Most of the fantasies performed involved S/M scenes, such as master/slave, bondage, and pain (dripping melted candle wax on bare skin). There was a scene in a gym (done very humorously) in which the contestant maneuvers to attract and seduce an 'innocent' and win her over. In another fantasy, the participants were wearing signs saying "fear", "guilt", "homophobia", "religion", and "sexuality". The contestant rips off these signs and frees the participants from their "signs".

The winner of this contest? Kay Hallanger, an "older" woman of 48 who was sponsored by Manhole and Vortex in Chicago. Kay holds the title of North Halstead Ms. Leather, 1991. First runner up was J.C. Collins, Ms. San Francisco Leather, 1991, who was sponsored by Fantastic Realities Unlimited and Mr. S Leathers. Second runner up was D'Arcy von Shultz. who was sponsored by AA Meat Market of Chicago.

The IMsL is no ordinary contest, The winner does not win money. She does win a lot of responsibility to attend a stipulated number of fundraising functions. Often there is no travel money and she has to dig into her own pockets. Donations to the IMsL Travel Fund may be sent to: IMsL, 2215-R Market St. Suite 450, San Francisco, Ca. 94114.IMsL is a non-profit organization that raises money to donate to other organizations. The proceeds from this year's contest will be donated to the Women's Building in San Francisco, to financially assist the Women's HIV/AIDS support group.

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Contestants at the International Ms. Leather contest.

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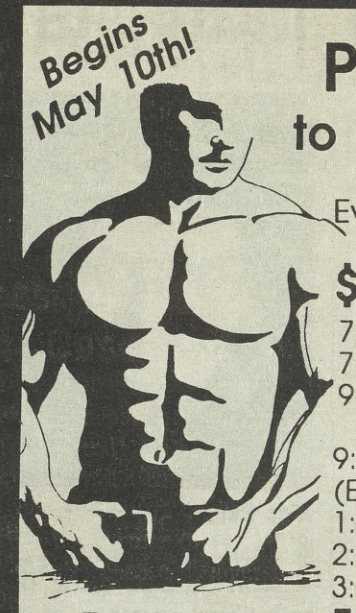

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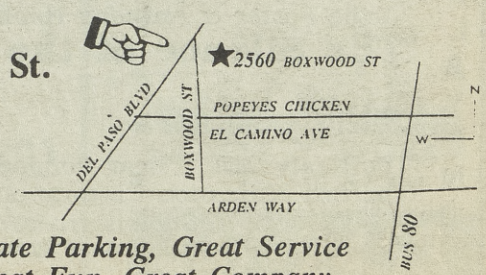

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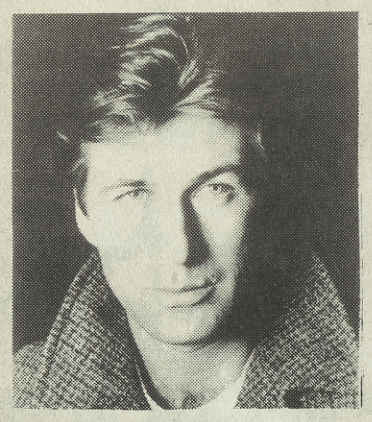
Sexist. Witless. Unimaginative. I've never been a fan of Neil Simon but even I know old Neil is capable of better than this banal 'comedy'.

What could have been an old fashioned screwball farce loses its punch after the opening credits.

Toothpaste millionaire Charlie Pearl (Alec Baldwin) is set to marry heiress Adele (Elisabeth Shue), daughter of movie mogul Robert Loggia (the only thing good in the movie). On a bachelor party trip to Las Vegas, Charlie and his buddies stop en route at a little roadside casino. Lounge singer Vicki Anderson (Kim Basinger, Baldwin's real life squeeze) makes Charlie 'hot' and he boldly pursues her even after he finds out she is mobster Bugsy Siegel's girl. Knowing Charlie is set to be married, Siegel forces the couple to marry. What follows is contrived and unfocused. Simon had a chance to make quite a statement here about the male libido, but instead comes up with something more akin to "Porky's," in a listless frat house tale.



Alec Baldwin.

Given their off-screen relationship, even the two stars are incapable of generating any chemistry and Baldwin especially seems to wish he were somewhere else. I know I did. ⚡⚡

⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡ Must see
⚡⚡⚡⚡ Excellent
⚡⚡⚡ Good
⚡⚡ O.K.
⚡ Poor

The Long Walk Home

In 1955 Montgomery, Alabama, a black woman named Rosa Parks refused to sit in the back of the bus. What followed was a long boycott of city buses by people long tired of fighting for their dignity. But "The Long Walk Home" is not really about the boycott. It is a powerful character study of two women caught in a narrow minded age. It is an uplifting story and to walk away unaffected is impossible.

Whoopi Goldberg (who deserves more roles like this one) plays Odessa Cotter, a stoic woman with a quiet dignity who chooses to walk the long walk to the upper-class white home where she works as a housekeeper rather than break the boycott. Sissy Spacek as Miriam Anderson captures the essence of the proper '50s Southern wife with her fresh scrubbed looks. At first we see a selfish woman; she drives her maid two days a week because she doesn't want to be inconvenienced. Miriam does the right things for the wrong reasons until she begins the introspection that will eventually re-define her role in life. Her conversion is honest, real and refreshing.

This picture slipped in once and sadly went unnoticed. Thoughtfully, the producers brought it back. In a society that is drifting back to racism, it is a shame that parents don't take their children to see this instead of the Ninja Turtles. ⚡⚡⚡⚡⚡

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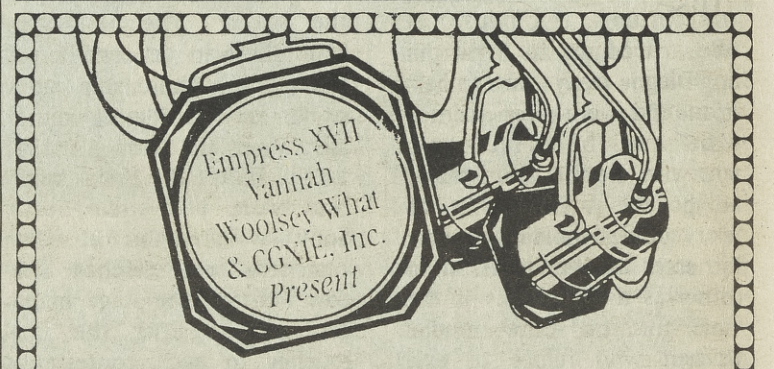

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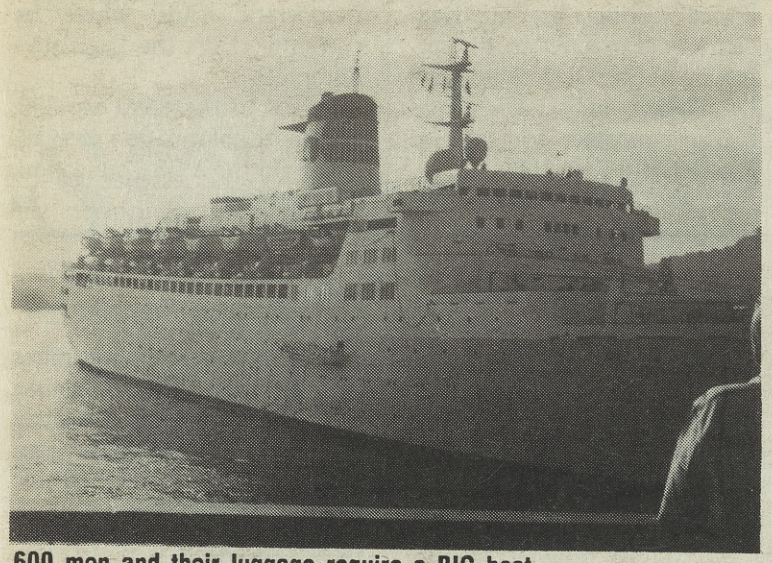

600 men and their luggage require a BIG boat.

by **Lanner Kestrel**

My lover and I had heard about gay cruising (on a ship) for years, and the thought of being on an all Gay 'love boat' was intriguing so we signed up for a Mexican Riviera cruise.

We arrived at the wharf in San Diego ready for embarkation and were overwhelmed by the mass of over 600 gay men, with steamer trunks and hat boxes; men staring at men, couples holding hands, mothers, fathers, lovers and brothers. It seemed as if the whole world had shown up for this cruise.

After we set sail into the sunset the "Bon Voyage" party began. The poolside on the promenade deck was festooned with flags, banners and streamers. About an hour after the party began, came the life boat drill. During the drill, wearing the bright orange life vests are mandatory, however the full length minks, leopard jumpsuits, clear plastic pumps, and cat-eye glasses are optional. My lover and I stared at each other in wide eyed wonder...damn, we had forgotten our pearls.

It is advisable to keep track of the schedule of events. So many different activities happen all over the ship and seating is on a first come basis. The first evening at sea was the RSVP 'catch the spirit' party MC'd by our host, Danny Williams, who is a wonderful and caring comedian. Note, if you came on board with any 'ATTITUDE' he, and the rest of the passengers will call you on it. Believe me you will not soon forget the sound of over 600 people telling you in unison that you have an ATTITUDE!

Sunday is a full day of sailing. The schedule lists: breakfast, movies, aerobics, bingo, games, afternoon tea, A.A. meetings, HIV support groups and a cabaret. The Captain's Cocktail party is in the early evening and is followed by a formal, (black tie suggested) dinner. I wore pink. Here and now I should let you know that if you have a closet full of clothes, bring them. It seems that there is an unspoken code to not be seen twice in the same frock. As a result, a different ensemble was required every four hours.

Cabo San Lucas - Monday- while doing aerobics on deck we were given the most beautiful view of Los Arcos. With its majestic rock formations against a backdrop of many miles of brilliant white beaches, Playa de Amor. From the marina tour boats took us to see the sea lions and Los Arcos. Cabo is within walking distance, but taxis' are available. The entire town shuts down for siesta between two and four pm so one must shop early. By far the most popular item purchased in Cabo were the bright cotton off-the-shoulder peasant dresses. The merchants were undaunted as men tried on the dresses in the market place, however, the blue haired ladies from the Dawn Princess were agog, "Don't look now Mildred, but that man just pulled on a bright pink sundress. (It truly was my color), Mildred I said, don't look."

Tuesday was Mazatlan where we joined hundreds of others at a private beach party held at a huge white Moroccan castle reminiscent of the Cliff House in San Francisco.

Peddlers tread their way through the nearly naked throngs of men on the beach, selling hats, dresses, silver and blankets. Uncensored music and warm water made the day at the beach unforgettable.

Wednesday morning aerobics on our deck in Puerto Vallarta caused mucho curiosity aboard the SS Jubilee which was anchored next to us. The short taxi-van ride took us to El Centro, the main shopping center. The cobblestone streets were lined with shops and restaurants, with leather stores selling every endangered species of boot imaginable.

Surrounded by muscle bound gay men

Wednesday night was costume night. Needless to say, no costume was left at home. Imaginations ran wild; so did most of the costumes. From leather-clad Grecian soldiers to Adam and Yves, Baby Jane pushed Blanche Hudson in a wheelchair, the Waitress from Hell with an Attitude was there, as well as many Lone Rangers and Tontos, and someone who looked like Charro in a body nylon and nothing else.

Thursday and Friday were full days at sea filled with pool games, cards in the lounge and chatting with friends. Shipboard romances were in full bloom as evidenced by the new pairs holding hands. Some old relationships ended while new ones began. Lovers renewed vows and kissed under stars that had never been so bright.

We enjoyed ourselves, and have fond memories: the late night walks on the Promenade Deck arm in arm, the Captain's Cocktail party and the midnight buffets. Surrounded by armies of muscle bound gay men of every age, size and color wearing little more than a smile, basking on the sun deck, exploring the ports of call or sauntering slowly down a smooth sandy beach, while through my mind ran the words,"...tall and lean and smooth and sexy, the boy from Impanima goes walking and as he walks..." Saturday morning after disembarkation we had culture shock from being thrust back into the straight world.

Would we go again? We've already signed up for the Tropical Caribbean, March 1-8, 1992. See ya there, love ya, mean it, kiss kiss.

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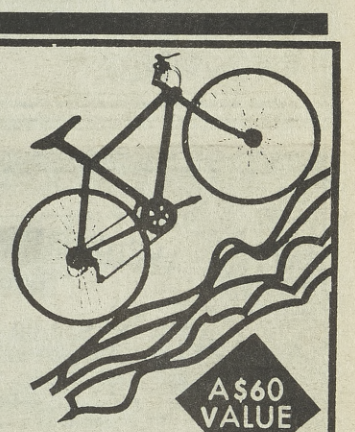

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account. "A number of us here at the Capitol put together some money to help with Stan's medical bills, so we can keep him working as long as he can. He's got a 20 percent copayment on his insurance premium, and his treatments and medications run into the thousands every month. If he quit his job, then he'd be on MediCal.

But we don't want to lose a valuable resource here at the Capitol. We don't want him to have to leave the workforce to support his medical needs."

Hadden's extensive involvement with the fight against AIDS began in 1981.

In 1985, the same year he discovered he carried the HIV virus, he was named by Assemblymember John Vasconcellos (D-San Jose) to serve on the state AIDS Budget Task Force, an adjunct of the Ways and Means Committee, which Vasconcellos chairs.

In 1986, Hadden was named to the state AIDS Advisory Committee-- an appointment that ran into a snag when (former) Senator John Doolittle opposed his nomination, because of unflattering remarks about Doolittle incorrectly attributed to Hadden.

After a reported fence-mending session with both Doolittle and Roberti, Hadden was confirmed. During this time, Hadden was also active in the formation of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, and served both as a Board member and later as President through 1990.

Stan also served on the State AIDS Leadership Committee in 1988. Other community activities include stints as a writer with MGW, and long term involvement with the River City Democratic Club, where he currently chairs the Legislative Committee.

Tickets to the event are $35, and more information is available from the AIDS Foundation, 448-2437.

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care providers concerning clinical manifestation of HIV, particularly among women and children.

AB 1287 (Vasconcellos)

AIDS Vaccine: Insurance Coverage -- Prevents health insurers from withholding coverage from participants in AIDS vaccine clinical trials.

AB 1567 (Lee)

AIDS related drugs -- Exempts AIDS-related drugs from approval requirements under certain circumstances when the Dept. of Health Services authorizes the drug for treatment use.

AB 1851 (Harvey)

Human immunodeficiency virus -- Establishes that HIV is an infectious and communicable disease providing sufficient enough reason to establish quarantine camps for those with the virus in the name of public safety and health.

AB 1916 (Lee)

AIDS: commission -- Requires the office of AIDS to form a statewide commission to study needs of African-American, Latina, and other ethnic women with AIDS.

AB 2169 (Gotch)

Health Insurance: HIV Studies -- Requires the Insurance Commissioner to prepare a study and report on health insurance coverage for HIV related illness.

AB 390 (Speier)

Medi-Cal: Perinatal Services; Drug Recovery Services -- To the extent that federal financing is available, adds AIDS testing and counseling as a Medi-Cal benefit for pregnant and postpartum women.

SB 982 (Davis)

Human Immunodeficiency Virus -- Would make it a felony punishable by life in prison to intentionally expose another to the HIV virus.

SB 1070 (Thompson)

AIDS Case Management and Clinical Services -- Creates the Northern California Regional AIDS Service Network.

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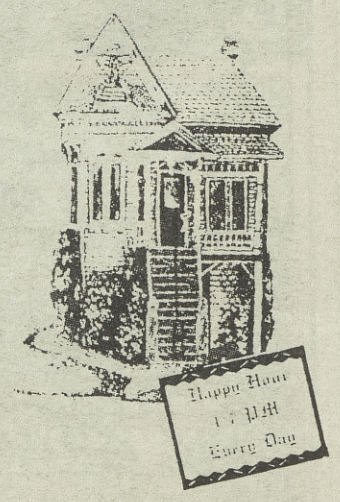

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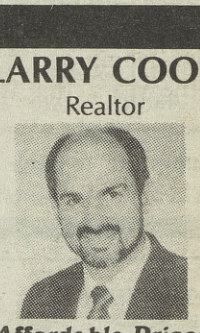
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Raised By Wolves, Or Just Tacky?

Don't Forget The Rules

by **Stacy Selmants**

Social graces seem to be increasingly rare, and I am beginning to think that a vast majority of people I meet are the unfortunate products of being raised by wolves.

The only brush with etiquette some of these wolf people have is occasionally reading the Miss Manners column in a newspaper.

It may be especially tricky to know how to act, since the gay community makes up its own set of often colorfully spontaneous rules. However, as a self-appointed Manners and Good Taste Counselor, I feel it is imperative to provide some social guidance, in the hopes of ending burping contests forever.

Those of you who may have witnessed my occasional behavioral lapses into the realm of bad taste (most weekends) may wonder what my qualifications are to provide etiquette guidance to others. ("Didn't I see her juggling garlic bread at the Spaghetti Factory just last weekend, Betty?") In response, I must confess that the majority of my childhood was devoted to providing me with the training and polish to Marry Well and take my rightful place on the eighth green of the country club.

Among other tortures, I actually was forced to attend dancing class and a fiendish etiquette course called "White Gloves and Party Manners." Unfortunately, I had a strong instinct, when waltzing with ten year old boys, to lead -- a personality quirk that led to several exchanges of fisticuffs and often resulted in a torn petticoat. (And my mother professed SUCH surprise that I became a lesbian. Get a clue, Mom.)

Over the years, this training evolved into a loose set of guidelines that we like to call "Debutante Rules." (Debutantes are "marriageable" young society women, who have a radically different meaning for the concept of "coming out.")

Debutante Rules

1.) Drag queens should not be seen wearing "After Five" gowns in the afternoon. While we all like to get an early start on the action, there IS a reason why sequins look so much nicer at night.

2.) When asked to dance, one should make eye contact with the askee on the dance floor. Staring at your partner's crotch and taking mental measurements is a social no-no. Besides, a long pair of strategically placed crew socks can provoke SUCH disappointment as the evening wanes.

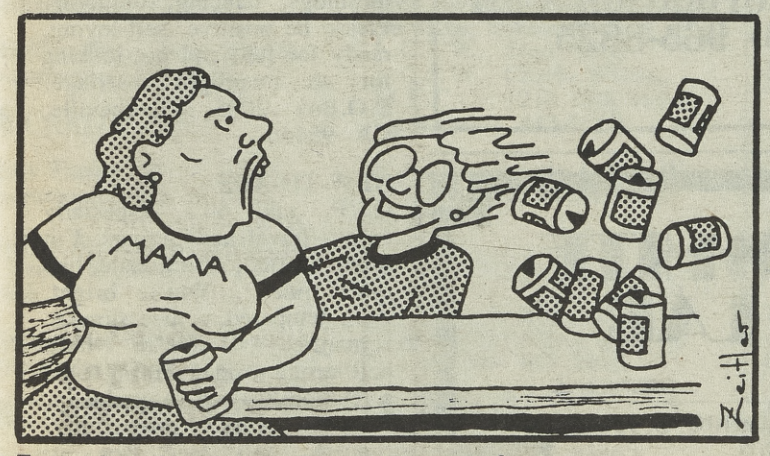
3.) Butch women should be aware that burping repeatedly and other social improprieties is rarely considered alluring or sexy by the women they may be trying to attract. While the knack of being able to gargle your beverage might have made you the envy of your peers in fifth grade, it's time to evolve, ladies.

4.) Be advised that buying someone a drink at a bar does not necessarily mean the person will follow you home to commit Unspeakable But Amusing Sexual Violations upon your body. He/she might just be thirsty.

5.) While lesbian potlucks may provide a festive social outlet, there is the concept of fairness to be considered. Enthusiastically gorging on others' creative casseroles and sumptuous salads when your contribution was a single can of warm Pepsi is not something that will go unnoticed. Or unmentioned.

6.) After the first horizontal (or diagonal) tryst with Someone New, it is customary to show appreciation the following morning. Your level of gratitude can vary widely, depending upon the extent of your pleasure (and whether you know the person's last name.) Thank you's can range from a clever note to a new dining room set. Use your best judgement, dear.

Each occasion should call for good judgement, thoughtfulness, and sensitivity to others. Now that you've been reminded that we are not all savages, brush off those manners. And remember, RSVP is NOT a four letter word.



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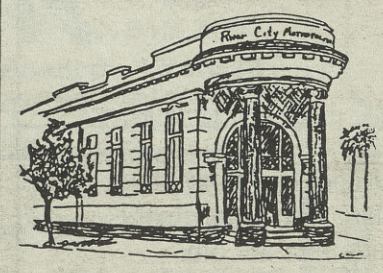

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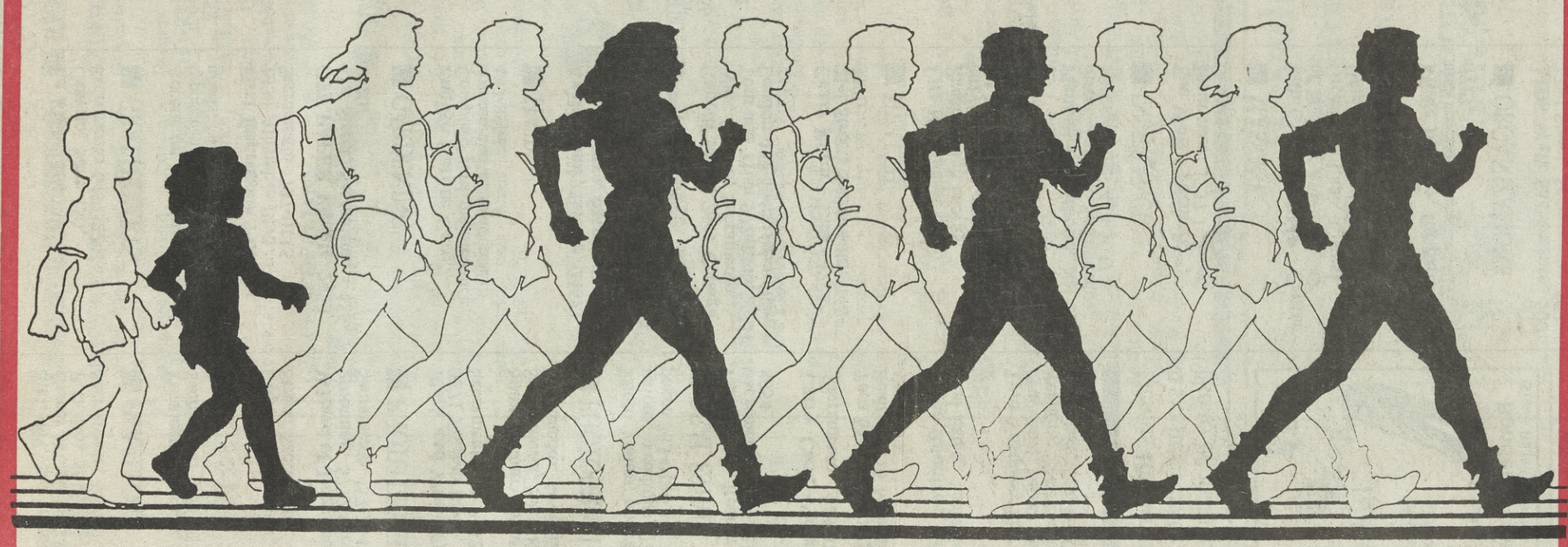

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